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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jerisha Dukes, Hearing Examiner  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

**Re: James T. Simmons v. Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC**  
**Docket Number: 2021-95-E**

Dear Ms. Dukes:

On April 15, 2021, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (the “Company”) filed its Verified Answer and Motion to Dismiss the Complaint filed by Mr. Simmons and requested that the testimony deadlines and virtual hearing date be held in abeyance pending resolution of the Company’s Motion.

Because the Commission has not yet had the opportunity to consider the Company’s Motion and because the Company’s April 22, 2021 deadline to file direct testimony is imminent, the Company respectfully requests that the Hearing Examiner issue a directive holding the testimony deadlines and hearing date in abeyance as soon as is practicable.

By copy of this letter we are serving the same on the parties of record.

Sincerely,

Katie M. Brown

cc: James T. Simmons (via U.S. Mail and email)  
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